

Remarks

The above amendments and these remarks are responsive to the Office action dated April 13, 2005. Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. In the Office action, claims 1-22 were allowed, claims 23-25 were rejected under 37 C.F.R. 102(b), and claim 26 was indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration of the application, and for his time during a telephone interview on July 11, 2005.

During the interview, an amendment to claim 23 was discussed, in which the limitations of claims 25 and 26 would be added to claim 23. Claims 25 and 26 would then be cancelled. Based on the indication of allowability for claim 26, Attorney for Applicant indicated a belief that this proposed amendment would place claims 23 and 24 in condition for allowance. The Examiner preliminarily agreed, and Applicant is therefore submitting the proposed amendment, as seen in the above Listing of Claims.

Based on the foregoing comments, the above-identified application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is courteously solicited. If any further action would assist in advancing prosecution and placing this case in condition for allowance, the Examiner is may contact the undersigned by fax or telephone at the numbers listed below.

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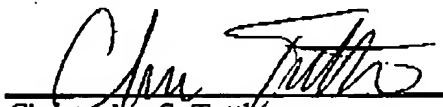
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